



CANYON COUNTY PROFILE

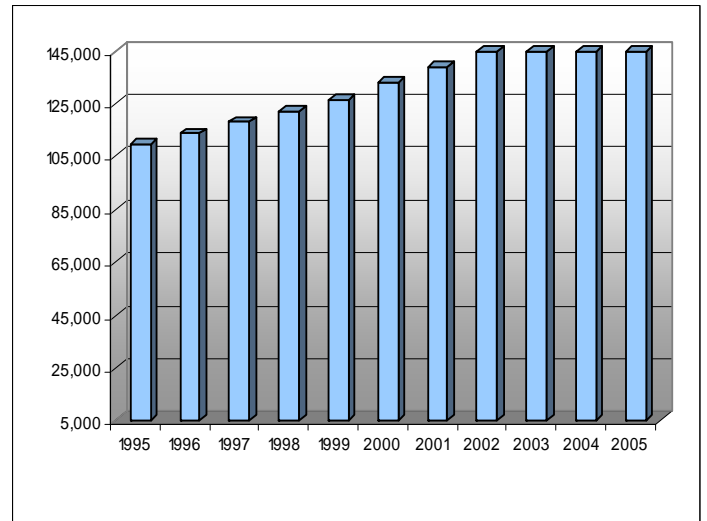
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Population

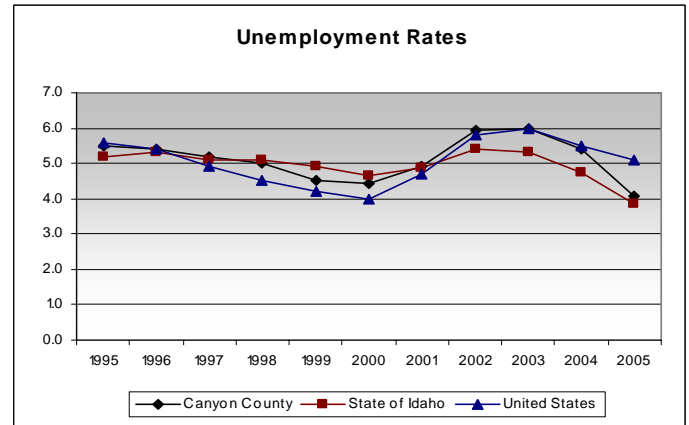
Canyon County is Idaho's second most populous county and the seventh smallest in geographic area. Combined with Ada County the population is now over 500,000 between the two. Many people are drawn to Canyon County because of its close proximity to Ada County, Idaho's largest urban area. Many residents commute to work in Ada County and are still able to benefit from decreased traffic congestion, lower housing prices and a more rural atmosphere than Ada County. The population has been growing rapidly over the past decade with a total increase of 54,617 new residents, swelling from a population of 109,976 in 1995 to 164,593 in 2005. The growth rate for the decade is 49.7 percent, well above the state's growth rate of 21.4 percent over the same period. Caldwell and Nampa are Canyon County's largest cities and both rank in the top ten cities in Idaho in terms of population, Nampa is the second and Caldwell is eighth.



Labor Force & Employment

The Canyon County *Civilian Labor Force* exhibited strong growth throughout the past decade. The *Civilian Labor Force* of Canyon County grew by 24,850 individuals, or 45.8 percent. The unemployment rate in 2005 was a decade low 4.1 percent despite some fairly recent significant layoffs. Between 1995 and 2004 the unemployment rate never fluctuated more than 0.5 percent. In 2005 the unemployment rate dropped by 1.3 percent from 2004's rate of 5.4 percent. Over 30 percent of the Canyon County labor force commutes to Ada County.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs in Canyon County increased by 11,550 jobs, or 33 percent, from 1994 to 2004. Most all industries in Canyon County experienced growth over the decade. *Agriculture, Manufacturing and Information* have lost jobs in the past 10 years. Two industries in Canyon County nearly doubled in size over the decade — *Construction and Professional and Business Services*. *Education and Health Services* also increased substantially

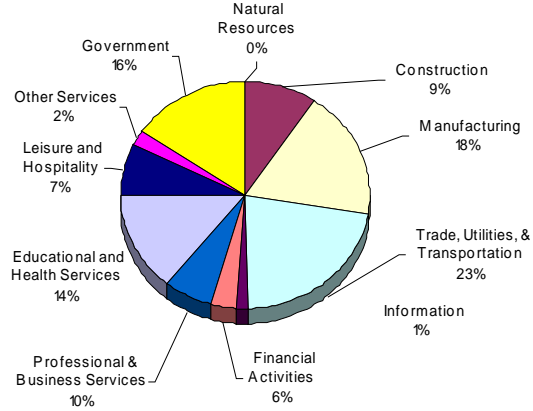


by 51 percent. With the influx of people moving into Canyon County also comes a substantial increase in *Leisure and Hospitality* and *Transportation, Trade and Utilities* as these industries grew by 40 percent over the years while *Government* grew at a comparable rate of 43 percent. Job growth in these industries is predictable in a county growing as rapidly as Canyon County. More jobs tend to be added in education, healthcare and services which is the trend over the last ten years and should continue into the near future. The Boise City MSA, of which Canyon County is a part of, was ranked the fifth best place in the United States to do business and advance a career, according to Forbes Magazine. The outlook for Canyon County and the Boise City MSA remains strong for 2006.

Labor Force	May 2005	May 2006
Civilian Labor Force	78,601	81,440
Total Employment	75,559	78,731
Unemployed	3,042	2,709
Canyon County % Unemployed	3.9	3.3
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.4
U.S. % Unemployed	5.1	4.7

Labor Force	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Civilian Labor Force	54,254	56,840	59,549	62,126	63,637	65,909	68,823	71,435	73,225	73,656	79,104
Unemployment	2,977	3,072	3,109	3,124	2,887	2,925	3,397	4,227	4,388	3,997	3,226
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.5	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.5	4.4	4.9	5.9	6.0	5.4	4.1
Employment	51,277	53,768	56,440	59,002	60,750	62,985	65,426	67,207	68,837	69,659	75,878

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2004



Per Capita Income & Employment

Canyon County ranks 40th in the State of Idaho in terms of per capita income at \$19,945, which is well below the state average of \$26,877 and the national average of \$33,050. With Canyon County's close proximity to Ada County it might be expected that the per capita income and wages would be similar, yet Canyon County wages continue to be below Ada County's. Wages in the county range from \$9,841 in *Leisure and Hospitality* to \$31,477 in *Financial Activities*, and a small percentage of the work force earns over \$50,000 in *Mining*. The majority of all nonfarm jobs are in *Manufacturing, Trade* and *Services*. *Trade* and *Services* have the lowest wages.

Major Employers

Amalgamated Sugar Co.
Caldwell School District
Canyon County
City of Nampa
J.R. Simplot
Mercy Medical Center
MPC Computers
Nampa School District
SSI Food Services
Sorrento Lactalis
Vallivue School District
Wal-Mart
West Valley Medical Center

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Accounting Clerk	\$9.00
Assembler	\$8.25
Cashier/Counter Clerk	\$6.35
Certified Nursing Assistant	\$8.00
Construction Laborer	\$9.00
Customer Service Representative	\$9.00
Delivery Driver	\$7.50
Farm Laborer	\$5.25
General Office Clerk	\$8.65
Waiter/Waitress	\$6.00
Warehouse Laborer	\$7.00

* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Commerce & Labor website at cl.idaho.gov/lmi.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1994, 2003, & 2004	1994		2003		2004	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	37,262	\$19,395	46,664	\$26,109	48,208	\$27,066
Agriculture	3,762	\$10,538	2,757	\$19,842	2,891	\$21,278
Mining	47	\$35,101	44	\$51,016	50	\$38,147
Construction	2,263	\$22,676	3,805	\$26,245	4,326	\$27,607
Manufacturing	8,925	\$23,241	8,775	\$31,581	8,468	\$33,197
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	7,073	\$19,512	9,420	\$25,191	10,033	\$26,359
Information	613	\$22,765	599	\$30,520	554	\$33,279
Financial Activities	1,218	\$20,938	1,522	\$31,484	1,626	\$30,204
Professional and Business Services	1,465	\$17,909	2,904	\$26,750	2,891	\$27,744
Educational and Health Services	3,760	\$22,716	5,790	\$27,429	6,003	\$28,238
Leisure and Hospitality	2,368	\$7,087	3,207	\$9,841	3,331	\$10,107
Other Services	781	\$14,629	888	\$20,019	926	\$20,608
Government	4,987	\$21,121	6,953	\$28,058	7,108	\$29,029

Per Capita Income	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Canyon County	\$16,467	\$17,038	\$17,400	\$18,433	\$19,153	\$19,712	\$19,768	\$19,304	\$19,148	\$19,945
State of Idaho	\$18,707	\$19,426	\$20,248	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,075	\$25,185	\$25,330	\$26,877
United States	\$22,172	\$23,076	\$24,175	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,845	\$30,575	\$30,804	\$31,472

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